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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUMXF AR, US
SUBJECT: ARGENTINIAN GOVERNMENT TO PROTEST ACTION
OF AMERICAN EXPERT

REF: GENEVA 7065

1. DURING CODEL YATRON WORKING SESSION WITH ENTIRE TOP
LEVEL OF FONOFF THIS MORNING, MINISTER JUAN CARLOS
ARLIA, WITH EXPRESS APPROVAL OF FONMIN, MADE HEATED
COMPLAINT THAT US EXPERT MEMBER OF SUBCOMMISSION WAS
REGULARLY CONSULTING WITH MATTAROLO. (MATTAROLO IS A
LEADING REPRESENTATIVE OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION
WHICH HAS ALMOST BEEN ELIMINATED WITHIN ARGENTINA.
THIS ORGANIZATION, THE ERP, HAS BEEN TOTALLY DEDICATED
TO TERRORISM AS A DEVICE FOR DESTROYING THE PRESENT
AND FORMER ARGENTINE GOVERNMENTS.)

2. IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE DISCUSSION THAT THE FONMIN
WAS CONVINCED THAT THE US EXPERT MEMBER HAD BEEN
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SEEING MATTAROLO OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD. HE
FURTHER INDICATED HE WAS UNWILLING TO ACCEPT THE
POSITION THAT THE US EXPERT WAS ACTING IN HIS
PERSONAL CAPACITY BECAUSE HE IS AN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR
AND AS SUCH CAN NOT PROPERLY DIVORCE HIS ACTIONS FROM
HIS OFFICIAL STATUS.

3. GOA MAY NOW HAVE FELT THAT IT HAS REGISTERED ITS PROTEST IN A SUITABLE FORUM AND NOT PROCEED MORE FORMALLY. NEVERTHELESS, THIS INCIDENT HAS LEFT THE FONOFF AT LEAST DEEPLY PUZZLED, AND SOMEWHAT SUSPICIOUS ABOUT OUR MOTIVES. THIS APPEARS TO THEM, CORRECTLY OR NOT, AS A BLATANT CASE OF OFFICIAL US CONSULTATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF A TERRORIST GROUP SUCH AS ONE THAT ALMOST SUCCEDED IN ASSASSINATING THEIR PREVIOUS FONMIN. GIVEN THE DEPTH OF FEELING ABOUT THIS ISSUE, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO MAKE SOME FURTHER EFFORTS TO REASSURE THE ARGENTINES.

4. ADDENDUM: AFTER THIS CABLE WAS DRAFTED GENEVA 7095 WAS RECEIVED. EMBASSY OFFICER REACHED ARLIA AT MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS LATE EVENING 8/18 AND BRIEFED HIM ON AMBASSADOR CARTER'S MESSAGE. ARLIA WAS GRUDGING IN ACCEPTANCE AND PROSPECTS OF OFFICIAL COMPLAINT HAVE RECEDED. ARLIA HAS TOLD US HE WILL LEAVE FOR GENEVA SATURDAY AUGUST 20 IN CONNECTION WITH UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND SUB-COMMISSION. WE SEE NO NEED TO HUMOR ARGENTINES IN REGRETTING AN INCIDENT WHICH NEVER TOOK PLACE, BUT WE UNDERSTAND THEIR SENSITIVITIES REGARDING ANY CONTACTS WITH SUBVERSIVES. WE HOPE OIL CAN BE POURED ON THESE TROUBLED WATERS.
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